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God's in His heaven,
All's right with the world.
—Browning.

No Successor to Sir John Macdonald.

During the last six years the Conservatives of Canada had a number of leaders, and an attempt has been made in some quarters to saddle on one or other of them responsibility for the present condition of the party. After all, however, the tide of disintegration really set in, as it was inevitable that it should, with the loss of the late Sir John Macdonald. While the prestige of his leadership lasted, the party was temporarily kept together, but it never had anyone at its head who in point of knowledge, of men, of ability to control and wield diverse elements, of suavity of manner, could compare with that statesman.

The combination controlled by Sir John Macdonald was known as the Conservative party, but it was really a Sir John Macdonald party, and with his death, as was inevitable, a break-up sooner or later had to come. For a while the party moved with the momentum he had given to it for a third of a century, and with great care on the part of Sir John Thompson its incongruous elements were kept together. But even before that statesman met his tragic end there were indications that a great change was impending. The sequel we all know.

Now the Opposition has no leader in sight that can be trusted to lead it to success. Sir Charles Tupper the elder is an aged man, and he no longer calls forth the enthusiasm of even the stalwarts of his party. The junior Tupper went to Nova Scotia to wrest that province from the control of the Liberals, and he returned with a confession of his weakness. The one-time strong Conservative party only returned three members. The younger Tupper is not looked upon by anyone outside his father's household as even a possible candidate for the leadership. Sir Adolphe Caron, the aristocratic, distant French-Canadian Conservative leader, could never be a match for Premier Laurier, whose personal popularity with all classes is even greater than that of the late Sir John Macdonald. Mr. George E. Foster, the ex-Finance Minister, is by all odds the best debater on the Opposition side, and he is really a very able politician, but he lacks those elements of personal magnetism and warmth of disposition which are necessary to the successful leader, and the mention of his name as a successor to the Nova Scotia knight excites no enthusiasm. Then there is Dr. Montague, who at one time was regarded as the most likely successor to the present Opposition leader. He no longer takes an interest in public affairs. His health is poor, and he seems to be disgusted with parliamentary life. A man with these feelings can scarcely be said to have high hopes of the future of his party, and he seems disinclined to expend his energies in kicking against the new order of things.

The value of the leadership of a man of Sir John Macdonald's many-sidedness was never more severely felt by the Conservatives of Canada than it has been during the last eighteen months. It is now recognized that the exercise of his ability as a tactician and it alone, kept the party in power for many years.

Immigration Prospects.

A report from Montreal says that so far the immigrants arrived in Canada this year number more than double those who were landed in the same period of 1896.

The feature of this year's immigration is that almost all those arriving at Canadian ports express their determination to remain in Canada, and are resolved to engage in farming.

There has been some foolish criticism of the quality of the immigrants because, while the greater proportion

are hardy Englishmen, Scotchmen, and Irishmen, a number of continental farmers and their families have come into Canada and proceeded to Manitoba and the Northwest to take up land. So long as the newcomers are hardy, industrious, well behaved, and are determined to make their living out of the soil, they will be welcome to the Dominion. There is no ground for any assumption to the contrary in the case of the recent arrivals.

So far as emigration from Great Britain is concerned, our information is that it is on the increase. It is decidedly refreshing to hear complaints of its paucity from a newspaper which recently pretended that the motherland was in dire straits because of her decaying industries. The fact is that trade has in recent years been so good in Great Britain that indisposition to emigrate has been remarked upon by the agents of all the colonies. Nevertheless, we believe that the conditions in the newer, the revived Canada, are such that very many desirable British immigrants will, by-and-by, be induced to seek homes for themselves in the fertile prairie lands of the Dominion.

Premier Laurier is already deluged with invitations to big banquets by representative British institutions during his stay in Great Britain. The Premier will no doubt accept a number of them, but if he will take our advice he will husband his strength. He needs a rest, and a first visit to the great motherland should not be chiefly devoted to long hours of after-dinner talk.

Honorificabilitudinitatibus.

Mr. Dearness, of this city, Librarian Bain and Ald. Hallam, of Toronto, all of whom are interested in the dispute upon the authorship of Shakespeare, have been looking up contemporaneous and older uses of the long Latinized word in "Love's Labor Lost," supposed by Dr. Plant, in a letter to Dr. Bucke, to be a cipher attributing the authorship of the dramas to Francis Bacon.

They found in Marston's "Dutch Courtisan," written about the same time, a comparison of a discourse with great sound and no sense to the big Latin word. Hunter, quoted by Dyce, had found the word in very nearly the same form in a manuscript of about Henry VI's time. But evidence against Dr. Plant's supposition was found in a book from Ald. Hallam's library, by a cue from Notes and Queries. This book, called the "Complaynt of Scotland," was written about 1548. The author, in the "Prolog to the Redar," page 18, is severe upon offenders who mar their writings with "fantastiknes and glorious consoites" and "quhilk pat in thir verkis thir lang tailit vordis. . . . This was an uther that writ in his verkis gaudet honorificabilitudinitatibus."

This form of the Dantesque word would seem to have been in vogue 50 years before its appearance in "Love's Labor Lost." Dr. Bucke raises the question whether the word used in the "Complaynt of Scotland" may not have been a subsequent interpolation; he thinks the word in "Love's Labor Lost" has the intention of a cipher.

"Our School," the interesting periodical published in the interests of the Dundas Street Center Methodist Sunday school, affords the casual reader some insight to the phenomenal success of the institution. It is well officered, and each officer has his allotted task. The classes begin with the kindergarten and end with the advanced Bible students, from whom in due course the church membership is recruited.

Militia Officers Training.

A report from Kingston is to the effect that the economies ordered by the new Dominion Government have resulted in a further reduction of the large staff hitherto employed at the Military College. Four professors have received notice that their services will not be required after June 30 next. They are: Forshaw Day, professor of freehand drawing and painting, salary \$2,000; Prof. Duval, French, \$1,000; Prof. Waddell, physics, chemistry and geology, \$2,000; Capt. Wurtelle, assistant instructor in mathematics, \$1,200. This is a saving of \$6,200 a year to the taxpayers of Canada, and we believe that it will be accomplished without impairment of the efficiency of the institution.

The Military College was established by the Mackenzie Government with the object of affording military training alone. It was then stipulated that it should be an inexpensive, yet efficient, agency for providing qualified officers for the Canadian militia. Subsequent governments, however, extended the sphere of its operations. They constituted the college a place for acquiring a general education as well as

experience in military tactics, and the expenses were accordingly greatly multiplied.

Hon. Dr. Borden, the new Minister of Militia, is endeavoring to get the institution back to its original purpose. He knows that we have in Canada abundance of schools for imparting general knowledge, and that the youth of the land can be taught in these establishments at a tithe of what it has cost in the Military College. The pupil must in the future acquire this education before he enters the institution, and this change will enable the military authorities not only to cut down the cost of the college to the taxpayers but to materially reduce the fees to the pupils. It is a most laudable reform, and will meet with general approbation.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE.

Washington Star.
These methods perverse fate so oft will disclose
That 'tis useless to doubt or to scoff;
It's the girl with the new suit of bicycle clothes
Who, at the first mud hole, falls off.

THE NEW TARIFF.

London, Eng., Canadian Gazette.
Canada desires friendship. She has done nothing and will do nothing in any hostile spirit unless driven to it.

MORE "BLUE RUIN."

Hamilton Times.
While the Mail and Empire and a few other Tory organs are whining about the change in the tariff closing down factories, some Brantford people are complaining of the disturbance made by the Verity Flow Works running at night and murdering sleep with the clang of its busy machinery. And the plover company begs forgiveness till it can get its factory so enlarged as to enable it to keep up with orders without running its steam hammers at night!

POOR MRS. ARMSTRONG.

Walkerton Herald.
On Tuesday last the band serenaded Mrs. A. Armstrong.

Said the girl just home from college
On the day her ma did bake:
"Leave the window open, mother,
For 'taps the frost will frost the cake."

WEATHER AND CROPS.

Relations of One to the Other in the Old Country.

London, May 10.—In its weekly review of the foreign market today the Mark Lane Express comments upon the unfavorable cereal weather in England, and adds:

"In France, the wheat is making little headway. The weather is distinctly ungenial. Frosts in Normandy and Brittany have been frequent. In Germany the season is summerlike. The April rainfall has been ample, and plant life has grown rapidly. In Austria the wheat is extremely forward. Italy and Spain are both expecting good wheat. The promise of the winter-sown corn in Poland, Russia, Roumania and Bulgaria appears to be fully justified. The average. The spring sowings in Russia are in arrears in the chief wheat districts, north, but the usual acreage or oats has been sown in the east and center, and of barley in the south-east."

COURSE OF TRUE LOVE

Does Not Run Smooth in the Case of a Couple Wedded at Sarnia.

Sarnia Post.
A strange thing has happened in connection with the marriage of two young people, which was recently solemnized by the pastor of the Central Methodist Church in Sarnia. On Wednesday a personal item was sent to the Port Huron Times announcing the marriage in Sarnia of Edward Dunton and Mary Jean Day. Mr. Dunton called at the Times office and stated that the report was incorrect, and that some of his friends were trying to spread a joke on him. On Thursday Mrs. Dunton was a caller at the Times office, and showed her marriage certificate, which is regularly signed by Rev. George W. Henderson, pastor of the Central Methodist Church.

The marriage ceremony was performed on March 25 at the parsonage, and the Misses Grace and Maud Henderson were witnesses.

THE COTTON CROP.

Washington, May 10.—The Agricultural Department's cotton crop report shows: General average, 105.4 per cent; already planted, first day of May, 51.8, against 53.9 per cent last year.

BICYCLIST KILLED.

Clarksburg, Ont., May 10.—On Friday evening, while a few members of the bicycle club were returning home from a short ride, Fred P. Hartman, eldest son of C. W. Hartman, banker, met with an accident by running into a vehicle, which resulted in his death.

CATTLE SHIPPING REGULATIONS.
Montreal, May 10.—News has been received here that the cattle shipping regulations have been amended by the Dominion Government to allow of the shipping of American cattle in a space of 2 feet 6 inches, instead of 2 feet 8 inches, as specified by the Canadian regulations. The new regulations will be a distinct advantage to the shipper of American cattle.

CROP PROSPECTS IN MANITOBA.
Winnipeg, Man., May 10.—The Northern Pacific crop reports just issued show that seeding in all parts of Manitoba not affected by the recent floods is practically finished. The acreage is much larger than last year, and the condition of the ground is excellent, only requiring a couple of days' rain to make the prospects particularly bright.

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"Church Service."

A London Presbyterian Conference Meeting Discusses the Subject.

Papers on Prayer, Praise, Scripture Reading, and the Offertory—Interesting Opinions.

The London Presbyterian Conference met in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian Church at 8 o'clock last evening. Mr. John Cameron was appointed chairman.

The first paper, on "Prayer in the Church Service," was presented by Rev. E. H. Savers, Wilton Grove. He declared that the opening prayer should be confined to a request simply for the divine presence, guidance and blessing. In the prayer, commonly known as the "long prayer," there should not be undue length; twenty minutes is much too long. Its contents should encourage devotion, thanksgiving, confession, petition, and all for Christ's sake. The details of petition were also stated. The prayer after the sermon should be a summary of the truth taught in the sermon, with the petition for God's blessing upon it, and the benediction should be in Scriptural form.

Dr. Hodge opened the discussion. He claimed that simplicity should characterize it, as the "Lord only is to be exalted." Rev. Mr. Smith, of Thamesford, continued the discussion, and emphasized the need of reverence, and that unless there is much private devotion there will not be fitting public prayer. Rev. Mr. Talling also spoke, stating that the secret of true prayer was holy living.

The second paper on "Praise in the Church Service" was read by Mr. G. W. Armstrong. That we may praise aright, we must have some knowledge of the character of God. Sessions should exercise careful control of the selections used in the praise service. Members of the choir should be church members in full communion; voluntary service in the choir is preferable; responsive readings were advocated, and also regular readings of the deacon's. In the absence of Mr. Courtenay, Rev. Mr. Wilson, of King Street Church, opened the discussion. He did not think that we could expect those who had spent time and money on musical education to give their services for nothing. Messrs. Robert Johnston, Andrew Thomson, E. H. Savers and W. J. Clark also took part.

The third paper, on "The Reading of Scripture in the Service" was read by Rev. Alex. Henderson, Appleton. The object of this, as all other parts of the service, was twofold—God's glory and man's edification. The minister should be unfettered in his choice of Scriptural selections. He should not be assisted by lay readers. The minister must read naturally and deliberately. A stagey tone in the pulpit is a shocking misfit; he may comment if necessary and for edification, but should not be diffuse and commonplace.

Rev. W. J. Clark suggested that the minister should use the Revised Version, and that books of Scripture should be read through consecutively. Mr. Talling thought that the subject should be stated so that the hearing of the Scripture read might be clearly seen.

Mr. Robert Johnston deprecated comment unless explanation was required, and also was opposed to responsive readings. Rev. W. J. Clark read the fourth paper, on "Offering in the Church Service." It should be received before the sermon and following the pulpit notices; received either in plates or bags, these to be passed around by young, alert men, who should walk up together in a solemn fashion. It is perfectly proper that the choir should sing an anthem, but the words should be read; and it is quite right that prayer should be made.

Mr. Andrew Thomson followed, and Messrs. Johnston, Henderson, Little and Savers also took part, and the conference closed after a very interesting session.

MY MOTHER

A Daughter Speaks of Her Mother's Afflictions and How They Were Relieved.

Miss Margaret Brown, 627 Colborne street, London, Ont., says: "My mother has been afflicted with nervousness and general debility for a long time. She suffered a great deal with insomnia, and found it almost impossible to sleep."

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